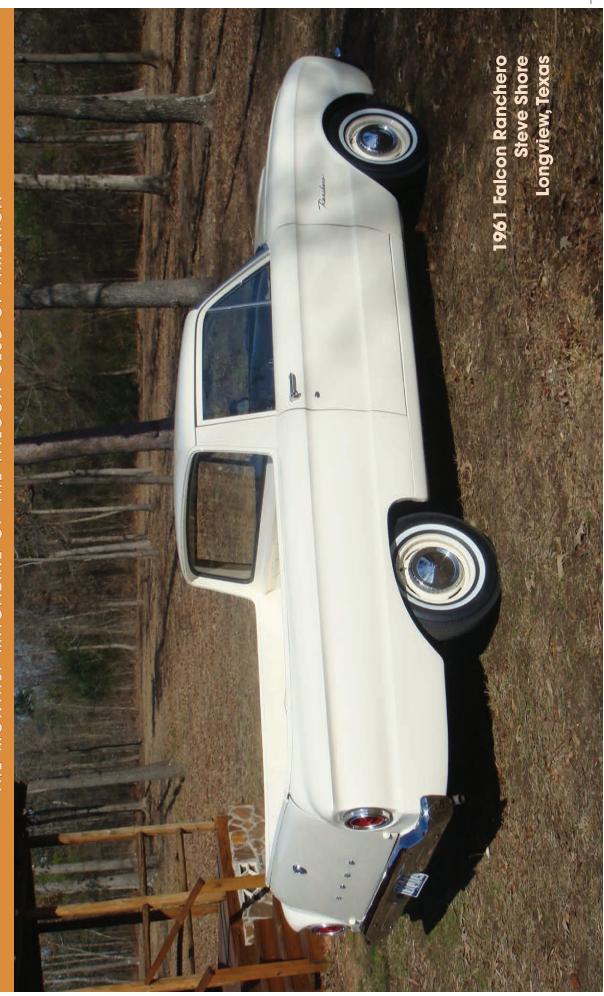
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Steve Shore's 1961 Falcon Ranchero

Steve Shore (FCA #694) of Longview, Texas has a long association with Falcons. He's been a Falcon fan since 1978 when his dad gave him a 1961 Ranchero. In 1961 he bought a used 1960 model for his mom. Steve joined the Falcon Club of America in 1979 at the age of 16 and has been a member ever since.

He made many interesting improvements and had lots of good times in his little truck, but eventaually he moved on to more modern vehicles. In 2008, he found our cover photo Ranchero and did a complete restoration on it. He also owns a 1961 Falcon Futura which you can see in the article on page 16.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 23-24, 2018 SOUTHERN COAST REGIONAL, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Hosted by Southern Coast Chapter. Use form in this issue to register.

MAY 4-5, 2018 19TH KCFCA REGIONAL, BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA

Hosted by Keystone Chapter. Check falconclub.com for updates.

JUNE 1-2, 2018 OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL, DAYTON, OHIO

Hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter. Check ovcfca.com for information and updates.

JULY 18-21, 2018 FCA NATIONAL MEET, WICHITA, KANSAS

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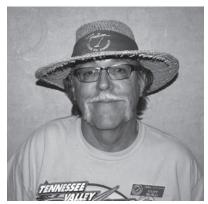
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cliff McKay FCA President

"Have a beautiful late fall season crusin' in those fabulous Falcons as your local weather permits!"

A round of applause to the Northeast, Mid America, and Tennessee Valley Chapters for putting on great Fall Regionals this year for our members' enjoyment. Also I want to again commend the Gulf States Chapter for their continued support of Falcons attending the annual Cruisin' the Coast event. I trust that all who were able to attend had a great time. Most of the events had great weather and some had record turnouts, too. To those members who have never attended an FCA Regional or National Meet, I strongly encourage attending one and you might really be surprised at just how much fun can be had. Unfortunately, I did not get to all of these great regional events, but I did get to enjoy both the Mid America and Tennessee Valley Regionals this year. I drove to both of them, first to Kansas City in my 1965 Ranchero and then to Tennessee in my 1965 convertible.

As I mentioned, another event of note was the "Cruisin' the Coast 2017" that involved numerous FCA members and their Falcons again this year. They had a good showing, great weather (at least until Nate arrived), and lots of Ford fun!

Have you all had some time to check out the latest changes to our FCA website? Continuous improvements are being made with up-to-date event listings and more technical articles. The FCA is always looking for more contributing authors; submit your articles through our technical advisor network. To access these articles members need to use the password <code>imFCAiwi!</code>. I would like to specifically

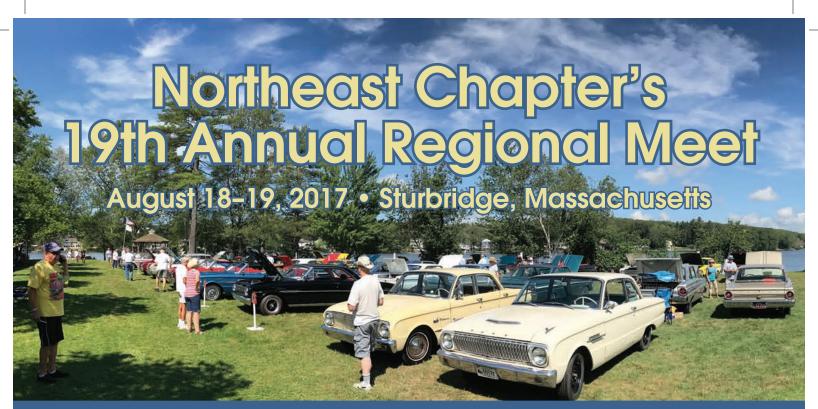
thank departing Webmaster Jeff Thomas for his years of helping to keep our FCA website up to date and for assisting Wally Tirado to overhaul it for us all. I'd also like to shout out a hearty welcome to our new Webmaster, Mike Grant, who recently joined our internet team.

I want to personally recommend to all our FCA members to try to attend next year's 2018 National event in Wichita, Kansas. The event hotel has a very nice facility with a large parking area with shade trees for our show. Check out the 2018 Nationals website and take a look at what south central Kansas, especially the Wichita area, has to offer. Ask questions and even offer suggestions if you like. I know the Wheat State Chapter guys and gals are already hard at work on making it a good time for all who attend.

Our Recording Secretary, Misty Sigler, has advised me that she wishes to step down next year. If you think you might wish to serve the club in this position or at least think about it, please let me know. Feel free to visit with Misty to get a feel for what all her job entails. It's never too early to at least think about it.

Take care. Have a beautiful late fall season cruisin' in those fabulous Falcons as weather permits! Oh yeah... don't eat too much turkey, stuffing, noodles, rolls, cranberry sauce, pecan pie, and pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving either!

—Cliff McKay (FCA #7987) Peck, Kansas





The Northeast Chapter held their 19th Annual Regional Meet on August 19th in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. The weather threatened rain all week and it did rain Friday night and early Saturday morning. Fortunately, the sun came out early and then stayed all day! The location was the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Cedar Lake where the cars were able to park on the

grass with the water as our backdrop. We had 50 cars and more than 100 people attend this year. We even had special guests from Florida; Ray and Ginny Chevalier drove up for the show. Ray said he couldn't miss another regional living in Florida and not know what was going on. You can take Ray out of North East but you can't take the Northeast out of Ray.





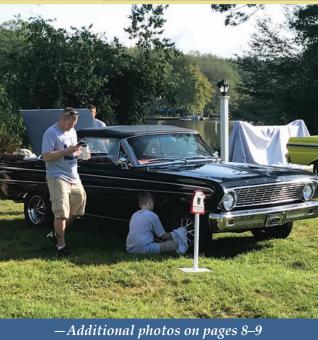


The banquet was held on Saturday night with 66 people in attendance. Longest Distance Award went to Joe Dye from Oklahoma. Our show was one of six regionals he was going to this fall. Best of Show Stock Award went to Rick Bowes with his 1963 Sprint Convertible and matching trailer. Best of Show Modified Award and Ladies' Choice Award both went to Chris Voorhest for his 1963 Futura Hardtop.

—Cris Bowes (FCA #4269), Coventry, Rhode Island









We'd like to wish a warm welcome to our new members. It's great having you as a part of the Falcon Club of America.

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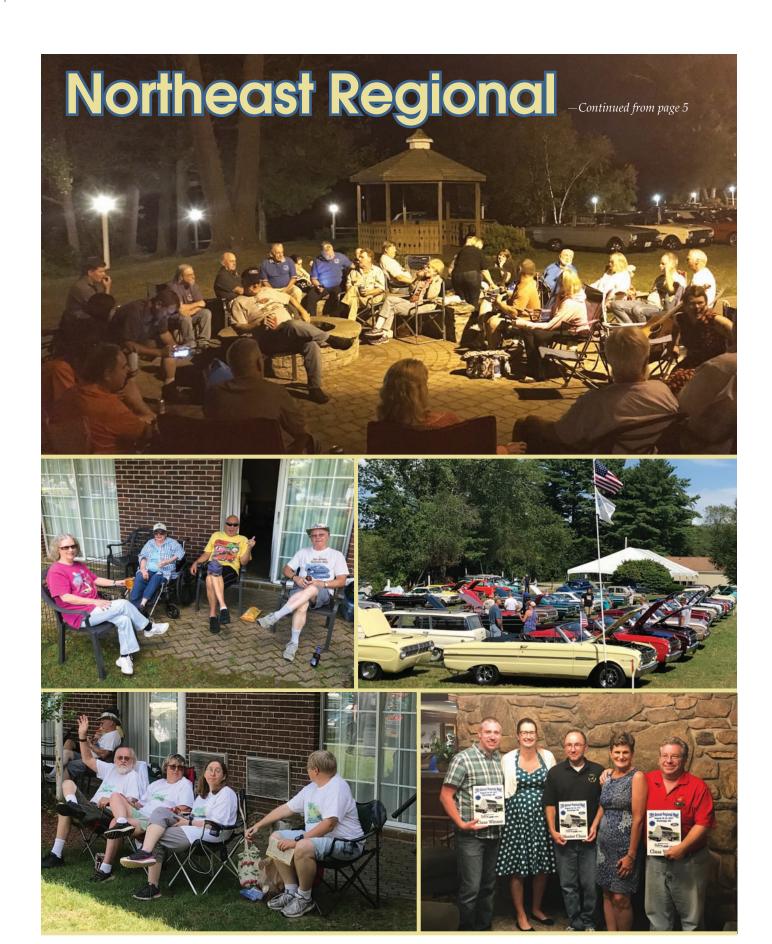
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Horsepower by the Numbers

Article originally printed in *The Falcon Express*, Metro Detroit Falcon Club's bi-monthly publication.

For a while now I have been thinking about replacing the cylinder heads on my car. The Edelbrock Performer RPM heads I've been running are good heads, but I am looking to pick up a few more ponies under the hood. I just want a little more performance. I did a lot of research before I decided on a replacement head. I wanted a head that flows better than the Edelbrock heads but I did not want to lose any low end or mid-range performance and torque. There are a lot of heads that have higher flow rates than the Edelbrock heads but the ports are too big for a street engine. On a street engine you want good bottom end and mid-range power. To accomplish this you want to keep the ports and valves smaller. Smaller ports will increase velocity at lower RPMs giving a very responsive feel when you step on the gas. Larger port heads may flow more at high RPM but will perform poorly at low speeds. A low rise intake manifold is also better than a high rise manifold for a mild street engine. Also don't install too large a carburetor. For a street engine, smaller is better. A 302 only needs about 480 CFM at 6000 RPM so keep the carburetor at 600 CFM or smaller and always use a carburetor

with vacuum secondaries for the street. A mechanical secondary carburetor (double pumper) is good for racing but not for a mild street engine.

The heads I decided to purchase are from AFR. They are the 165 Renegade's. My only concern about the heads is that they have a slightly smaller combustion chamber, (58cc to 60cc). This will increase my compression slightly. After talking to an AFR tech rep, he assured me that I will be OK with a 10.5 to 1 compression ratio and still be able to run pump gas. The AFR 165 heads have a slightly smaller intake port runner than the Edelbrock heads but have a better flow rate. The valves are the same size so I don't need to worry about piston to valve clearance. The big difference is on the exhaust side. Small block Ford engines have always had very small exhaust ports. The AFR exhaust ports are larger and flow quite a bit better than the Edelbrock heads. That should give me the horsepower gain I am looking for.

The installation went well. The only thing I had to do differently with the AFR heads was install adjustable pushrod guide plates. The ports on the AFR heads are moved slightly from the Edelbrock ports

Edelbrock Head Flow Numbers

#60229: Flow Numbers as tested by Edelbrock's SuperFlo SF-1020 flow bench at 28 inches water pressure

Valve Lift	.100"	.200"	.300"	.400"	.500"	.600"	.700"
Intake	72	132	183	216	245	249	244
Exhaust	57	104	142	159	170	174	175

#60259: Flow Numbers as tested by Edelbrock's SuperFlo SF-1020 flow bench at 28 inches water pressure

Valve Lift	.100"	.200"	.300"	.400"	.500"	.600"	.700"
Intake	70	128	183	219	251	255	246
Exhaust	57	104	142	163	170	174	175

AFR Renegade 165 Head Flow Numbers—165cc Street Head Flow Chart

Test conducted at 28 inches water pressure on Superflow 600; Bore Size: 4.050" 3/4" radius plate exhaust, 1 3/4" curved pipe

	.200	.300	.400	.500	.550	.600
Intake	135	200	240	251	255	260
Exhaust	122	163	192	208	212	215

By Alan Aniol

"The Edelbrock Performer RPM heads I've been running are good heads, but I am looking to pick up a few more ponies under the hood."

so adjustable plates are required for proper rocker arm alignment. I never used adjustable guide plates before so it took a little time installing them. I had to grind a little material off the plates to get them to clear the valve cover rim. After I got everything properly aligned, I torqued the rocker arm studs to 50 foot pounds per AFR spec. The next thing is to check to see if the pushrods are the correct length. To check if the length is correct, make sure the engine is at top dead center. Take a magic marker and color the valve stem ends on number one cylinder. Install the intake and exhaust pushrods and roller rocker arm. Adjust the rocker arms by turning thread adjustment nuts until all the end play is removed. Roll the engine over two full turns back to top dead center. Remove the rocker arms and observe the ends of the valves. The rocker arms will leave a mark on the ends of the valves. If the pushrod length is correct the mark should be in the center of the valve stem. If the mark is closer to the intake manifold a shorter pushrod will be required and likewise if the mark is closer to the exhaust side a longer pushrod will be required. Summit and Jeg's sell an adjustable length pushrod tool for checking length. It turned out my existing pushrods were the correct length for these heads so I went ahead and installed the pushrods and rocker arms.

With the new heads installed, I took the car out for a drive. After driving it for a few days, I removed the spark plugs to see if I needed to re-jet the carburetor. After experimenting a little, I ended up staying with the same jetting I had with the Edelbrock heads. I also played a little with the timing. I finally took the car to a place where I could safely step on the gas. The car was definitely faster with the AFR heads. The car always pulled well in first gear but it was second gear where I really noticed the difference.

Overall I am quite pleased with the results. As for gas mileage, we'll have to wait and see what the numbers are. I may have lost a little mileage but that's OK; the performance gain was worth it!

—Alan Aniol (FCA #7870) Southgate, Michigan



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FALCONS WANTED

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I am looking for a 1965 Ford Ranchero automatic, prefer a V8 that is in need of some love. Wanted dead or alive—running or not. Kevin, 830-708-9293. TX. 171007

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Mid-1970s. I was in my early teens when my dad bought a 1961 Falcon Ranchero, his answer to the high gasoline prices of that decade. He paid \$300 for it and. I went with him to pick it up and drive it home. As I recall, I wasn't too impressed.

He was a drag racer for most of his life and a fixer upper of old cars, so he immediately made some changes to the little Ranchero. First, he changed out the grille to a 1960 model because he liked the looks of that year's Falcon grille better. As I got older, I disagreed with him as I preferred the 1961 grille. He removed the old 144 cubic inch six cylinder and three speed transmission and replaced them with a 200 cubic inch six out of a Mustang and a Toploader four speed transmission. I recall helping him re-form the transmission hump to fit a Hurst floor shift to the transmission. He got rid of the 13" wheels and installed 14" wheels and new radial tires. He installed a split bench seat from a Torino we found in a wrecking yard.

That was it. He did not repaint the truck, just left it "as is." It was his "gas saving" vehicle of the day. His everyday driver was a 1972 Ford F100 with a 390 cubic inch V8 and it definitely gulped gas.

1576. When I turned 15 years old and began looking for my first car. You guessed it; the 1961 Ford Falcon Ranchero soon became my first car. By that time, it had begun to sit a lot in our back yard. My dad gave me the Falcon and of course I immediately began to work on it, trying to "improve" it.

First I had to replace the right front fender. I'd been fooling around one day with the truck, reached in the open driver's window, turned the key, and cranked the engine. It was in gear and the little truck took off. I was horrified as it came to an abrupt stop against a large piece of my dad's oilfield machinery. The passenger front fender was crushed.

My dad was pretty cool about it, as he could tell I was distraught. He helped me find another fender at a wrecking yard and install it. It was a new white fender which stuck out on a dark blue truck.

I ended up painting the Ranchero Chevrolet Hugger Orange and added then-famous "Western Wheel" turbine wheels with Dunlop GT radials.

With the 200 engine and Toploader four speed, the little truck ran well and I had a lot of good times in it during my high school years. And, I really mean A LOT OF GOOD TIMES. I was one teenager who really enjoyed my high school years.

Around that time, I read in the Dallas Morning News Auto section about a club for Falcon lovers—the Falcon Club of America. In 1979 I joined as member #694 and have since maintained my membership.

By my senior year, I had some money saved up from working in the Texas oil fields during the summers and I began to want to move into a more modern vehicle. I parked my little Ranchero and moved on to newer vehicles—first, a new 1981 Ford F150 and next, a brand new 1982 Camaro Z28. I was out of the Falcon business for a while.



By Steve Shore

After college, I briefly owned a 1961 Falcon four door sedan that I bought to fix up and drive. However, I was newly married and soon moved across country. I left the Falcon with my dad and he ended up selling it around 1986.

2008. My dad was at the Pate Swap Meet at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth when he spotted a really nice, untouched 1961 Ford Falcon Ranchero similar to the one I had as a teenager. He called me and asked me if I would be interested in it. I said "Yes!" and he bought it for me. I think he paid about \$1,000. It was not running and was not drivable, but

it was all there and in relatively good condition. I drove to Fort Worth and picked it up.

My original plan after I got it home was to just get it running and make a good driver out of it. That was kind of like pulling a string on a sweater, and before I knew it, I had the little truck completely disassembled and in pieces in my shop. I ended up doing a very extensive and complete restoration. Most of the work I did myself, with the exception of the engine machine work, the body work, and the paint work.

I quickly was introduced to the little 144 cubic inch Falcon six cylinder. I had never driven a Falcon with the 144, just the 200 ci six my dad had installed before he gave me the first truck.

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MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

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I got the car all put back together, looking better than brand new, and took it out for a drive. Within a week I knew that I would never be happy with that little 144 six. It sounded like a sewing machine (solid lifters) and just did not accelerate—at all.

Luckily I still had a 200 six from my Falcon days as a high school kid. I got that engine out of storage and did a complete rebuild on it. I wanted it to LOOK stock, so I installed a road draft tube like a 144 and even painted it to look like a stock 144 six. It's really hard to tell the difference; the hydraulic lifters give it away as well as the extra freeze plugs. In my opinion, this is the engine that the Ranchero should have had from the factory.

The only deviation from stock I did was to install the exhaust port divider in the head and run a two inch exhaust system. I did keep the original automatic transmission. Now at age 54, I kind of like the automatic.

2014. While vacationing in Florida with my family on Captiva Island, my son and I were driving down the main road that runs down the island. I spotted a really nice 1961 Falcon Futura parked at a full service gasoline station and pulled in to take a look at it. It was Corinthian White and looked to be in almost perfect restored condition. I inquired about it from the guy working at the gas station and he said it was in for routine service and was owned by a local older gentlemen. It was not for sale, so I drove off just thinking that it was a great opportunity to get a close up look at a really nice Falcon Futura.

A year and a half later I was looking on eBay for Falcons—specifically 1961 Falcons. As I was going down the list, I noticed the listing and picture of a white 1961 Futura. The photograph was taken on a beach. I instantly recognized it as the Falcon I had seen the previous summer in Florida. I ended up



Above: Posing with my first 1960 Ford Falcon Ranchero back in March 1982.

Below: My Ranchero's interior.





The Ranchero engine: a 200 six disguised as 144



"winning" the Falcon on eBay and contacted the seller. He had bought the car in Kentucky because it was very similar to the first car he purchased when he got out of the service. He had then restored the car to a very high level and moved to Florida.

When the Falcon arrived at my house, it looked as good as I remembered it from that summer vacation. The only issue was the chrome—the Florida salt air really had done a number on the bumpers, door handles, antenna, and rear view mirrors. I bought all new replacements and swapped them out on the car. It really made the car stand out; the paint itself was in almost perfect condition.

Mechanically the car is still in great shape. It is equipped with the 170 Special Six cylinder with Fordomatic transmission. The red bucket seats look great against the Corinthian White paint. I did put in a reproduction radio with FM and iPod connections.

I feel like I have two great representations of the 1961 Falcon—a Ranchero in "standard trim" that represents the working aspect of the Falcon line, and the Futura which represents the deluxe end of the Falcon offerings for 1961. The fact that both are finished in Corinthian White just kind of makes it even more cool to have such a unique "Falcon nest."

I'm so happy my dad became a Falcon lover in 1961 when he bought a used 1960 Falcon for my mom. I've been a Falcon fan since 1978 and a Falcon Club of America since the age of 16. Falcon owners are some of the best people in the world and I am glad to have had a part in preserving these great cars.

—Steve Shore (FCA #694) Longview, Texas

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Standard FCA Show Categories

Stock Category

Falcons in this category have historically been thoroughly detailed while maintaining a high percentage of authenticity. Most common and accepted modifications in this category are custom or aftermarket wheels combined with radial performance type tires (rather than bias ply). The other noted and accepted modifications are "Sprint" or "Cobra" type air cleaners and valve covers. These two modifications are felt to be acceptable because perhaps the OEM, bias ply tires are not available in the correct sizes and radial tires add a definite safety factor in traction, handling and braking. The newer sized of radial tires also require a rim width that is wider than the stock Falcon wheel. This is the reason many owners choose to run the 14x6 Magnums or 14x7 Magnums in combination with a 70 series radial tire.

The Sprint and Cobra engine accessories are recognized as "true" Ford parts and could be purchased over the counter from any Ford dealership. Details really stand out in this category. The engine compartment is clean enough to eat off in his vehicle, be it a 144/170/200 six or a 260/289/302 eight. It will be detailed to the max. No glaring modifications are anywhere on this Falcon. It just looks a little better than the original, the way it would have if Ford could have hand built each one individually.

You may see these Falcons on a trailer or driven on a nice day. Several cars of this quality may even be driven on long trips. All in all, these Falcons are built for "Show or Go." At local cars shows across the nation these cars are bringing back the memories of the car that started it all, and bringing home the gold.

Daily/Street Driven Category

This category is perhaps the most important to the future of the FCA and the value of all Falcons. As the name implies, this category is for those special Falcons that you see on the street every day. These Falcons are driven at least three thousand miles per year—rain or shine. They are not "Parade Cars" or "Museum Pieces." They take Dad to work and Mom to the grocery store. They are often the son's or daughter's first car and are depended on to get them to school every day. They have felt the pain of parking lots and careless drivers. They are the cars left outside to make room for Mom's new SUV; they are also the ones that will start when the new one refuses to face the cold

of winter. Not necessarily a show car, but for sure a winner. You won't find a show quality paint job on these Falcons. You might find a nice set of wheels like Magnums or even steel wheels, yet not quite showquality hubcaps. The engine compartment may or may not be detailed. In all cased it will be as clean as one can keep it. Remember this car is used as it was intended. Several modifications that improve dependability may even be evidenced on this "driver." Maybe an alternator sits where a generator once resided. One can easily understand wanting a dependable charging system. The beauty of the Falcons in this category is not that they are perfect. They are well-maintained, attractive vehicles willing to take their proud owners across town, to work, grocery shopping, or wherever they want to go.

Diamond in the Rough

This category is for the Falcon that obviously needs work or is in the process of being restored. It may or not be drivable. It may be in primer or still have the old paint job. The interior may be tattered and torn or partially finished. The bodywork is not completed. The engine needs work. Anyone looking at this Falcon can see it does not fit in any of the other categories but has potential some day.

Lite Modified Category

This category is for that Falcon which retains a stock appearance, but has been mildly modified to improve safety, performance, drivability, and handling. Falcons entered in this category might have disc brakes with dual master cylinder, rack and pinion steering that has been bolted in place, overdrive transmission (manual or automatic), aftermarket intake and exhaust manifolds, aftermarket wheels and tires, reclining bucket seats with original design upholstery material, aftermarket steering wheel, gauges or consoles—even a small block Ford stroker engine. These mildly modified Falcons should not have any body modifications such as wheel tubs, louvers or hood scoops. These mild modifications could be easily reversed returning the Falcon to a stock condition. The Falcon entered in this category will probably be very detailed inside and outside.

Modified Category

This category is wide open. You will find Customs, Sleds, Racers, Chopped tops, Full frames, Tubs, fourwheel Disc Brakes, Monster tires and a host of other

tempting modifications. Engines may be carbureted, fuel injected small block, or even a blown big block. In either case, you bet it is well detailed and more than likely "Bad to the Bone." No engine modification is considered extreme, although all entries must be all Ford powered. Absolutely no Brand X are allowed. Paint schemes will vary as much as engine choice. You may find metallic, pastels, flames, graphics, murals or a super smooth single color over rolled pans, filled seams and a sunken antenna. Interiors may be a stark as a race car or as plush as a new Continental or Town Car. In all cases, the interior will be fitted to suit the owner and fully functional for the application. "Modified" best describes this category.

Concours Masters Category

This category is for the purist. Falcons entered in this category will have won the "Best Stock" Falcon award in any of the three previous FCA National Meets. The Falcons entered here will really open your eyes and make your mouth water. These cars are as correct as one can possibly make them, right down to the smallest detail. Nothing fancy but all exactly like the factory built it. Correct interior, correct paint color, correct engine transmission combination, everything the factory data plate indicates is correct. It may have just received a ground-up restoration, or it could be a low mileage original. In all cases, these Falcons are the "Best of the Best."

Modified Masters Category

This category is for the "Mild to Wild." Falcons entered in this Category will have won the "Best Modified" Falcon award in any of the three previous FCA National Meets. These Falcons have been modified either lightly for safe driving, performance or convenience such as modern engines and drivetrains while retaining the stock look or heavily modified such as wide slicks, custom bodies or blown engines. The sky is the limit. Quality workmanship and attention to detail make these Falcons the "Best of the Best."

Keep in mind, although the categories will remain constant, the guidelines are just that... guidelines. Except for the Concours and Modified Masters Categories, those that register at a National Meet are free to enter in the category that they feel best fits their Falcon.

Standard Car Classes for National Meets

These classes are considered MINIMUMS. A hosting chapter may at its discretion add classes if the situation in their area calls for it. This requires prior approval of the Board of Directors.

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Looking Ahead to the 39th National Meet in Wichita, Kansas



Each month we'll be highlighting things to do and see around Wichita, Kansas. We hope this will help you plan your trip and enjoy what Wichita and the surrounding area has to offer.

Show Highlights

Planned special events for the 39th National Meet include the Ladies Tea, Kids Pizza Party, and Banquet. There will be a cruise to Hutchinson for tours of the Cosmosphere and Strataca Salt Mine. Casino and Winery trips will also be offered.

Cosmosphere

On the tour to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, you'll find a space museum and education center. Their museum houses over 13,000 artifacts from U.S. and Russian spaceflights and is home to internationally acclaimed educational programs. The Cosmosphere grew from a planetarium to what is is now second only to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington in its collection of U.S. space artifacts. The Cosmosphere has four venues: The Hall of Space Museum, The Justice Planetarium, The Carey Digital Dome Theater, and Dr. Goddard's Lab, an explosive live science presentation on the history of rocketry.

Things to Do

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Old Cowtown Museum

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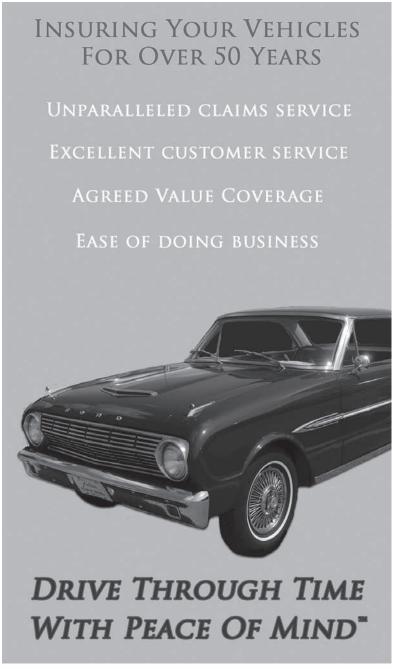
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